

The Bible and the Plan of Salvation

Introduction

- A. Man's greatest need is to be rightly related to God. The solution of many problems is found in the New Birth. Without God there is no hope.
- B. God in His love has made provision for sinful man. We do not deserve it but God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die as our substitute. Through His death salvation has become a possibility.

I. The Need of Salvation

- A. Man is spiritually and morally unclean, Isaiah 64:6.

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away.

- B. Man is unrighteous, Romans 3:10.

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

- C. Man is guilty, Romans 3:23.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

- D. Man is under the sentence of death, Romans 6:23.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. The Provision of Salvation

- A. This provision is rooted in God's love, John 3:16.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- B. This provision is based on a historical event, Romans 8:3.

But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- C. This provision includes all spiritual blessings, Romans 8:32.

He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- D. This Provision is based on the act of substitution, II Corinthians 5:21.

For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

III. The Conditions of Salvation

- A. The necessity of repentance, Luke 13:3.

I tell you, Nay; but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.

- B. The necessity of believing in the deity of Jesus Christ, John 8:24.

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins, for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.

- C. The necessity of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, John 1:12.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.

- D. The necessity of confession, Romans 10:9,10.

That if you shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

IV. The Benefits of Salvation

- A. The benefit of cleansing, Isaiah 1:18.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

- B. The benefit of righteousness and peace, Romans 5:1.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- C. The benefit of absolution, Romans 8:1.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.

- D. The benefit of forgiveness, Colossians 2:13.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

V. The Assurance of Salvation.

- A. The assurance based upon God's promise, John 1:32.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.

- B. The assurance based on God's Word, I John 5:13.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life

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